

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

RB Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Rangatel	:	
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Application for a certificate of local	:	
authority to operate as a reseller and	:	07-0119
facilities-based carrier of intrastate,	:	
interexchange and local	:	
telecommunications services throughout	:	
the state of Illinois.	:	

ORDER

By the Commission:

On February 7, 2007, RB Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Rangatel ("Applicant") filed a verified application with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Section 13-404 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act") for a Certificate of Service Authority to provide resold local and interexchange telecommunications services in Illinois.

Pursuant to notice given in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, this matter came on for hearing before a duly authorized Administrative Law Judge of the Commission at its offices in Chicago, Illinois on March 15, 2007. Kumar Ranga, Applicant's President, testified in support of the application. At the conclusion of the hearing on March 5, the record was marked "Heard and Taken."

Applicant, an Illinois corporation, seeks to provide resold local and interexchange telecommunications services. Applicant presented evidence that it has the technical, financial, and managerial resources to provide the proposed services in Illinois. Applicant furnished a Balance Sheet as evidence that it has the necessary financial resources to sustain its operations in Illinois. Applicant also furnished the management profiles of its key personnel to demonstrate their knowledge of telecommunications specifically and business generally. Mr. Ranga testified that Applicant would provide its own technical support and would contract out for such support as needed. Applicant will also comply with all state and federal regulations regarding slamming and cramming.

Applicant has requested that the Commission make certain declarations and grant certain waivers of the requirements of the Public Utilities Act and from the rules and regulations of the Commission. The services Applicant proposes to provide will be competitive telecommunications services as described in Section 13-502(b) of the Act.

Applicant is required to file a tariff with the Commission under Section 13-501 of the Act describing the nature of its service, the applicable rates and charges and the terms and conditions of the service provided. If Applicant files the required tariff in compliance with Section 13-502(e) of the Act and the rules adopted thereunder in 83 Ill. Adm. Code 745, many provisions of the Act as well as the regulations adopted by the Commission in Title 83 of the Illinois Administrative Code will be inapplicable to the Applicant.

For local and interexchange service, Applicant should be granted pursuant to Section 13-402 of the Act, a waiver of 83 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 710, the requirement to keep books and records in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts, in order to reduce the economic burdens of regulation on a telecommunications carrier which provides only competitive services. For local service, Applicant should also be granted a variance from Part 735.180. Applicant will contract with underlying carriers to include Applicant's customer listings in their directories. For interexchange service, Applicant should further be granted a waiver of Part 735, governing credit, billing deposits, and termination of service, for the reasons stated hereinabove.

Findings and Ordering Paragraphs

The Commission, after reviewing the entire record and being fully advised in the premises, is of the opinion and finds that:

- (1) RB Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Rangatel, an Illinois corporation, seeks a Certificate of Service Authority to provide resold local and interexchange telecommunications services in Illinois;
- (2) the Commission has jurisdiction over the Applicant and the subject matter herein;
- (3) as required by Section 13-404 of the Act, Applicant possesses sufficient technical, managerial, and financial resources to provide resold local and interexchange telecommunications services in Illinois;
- (4) Applicant should file with the Commission a tariff consisting of its rates, rules and regulations in accordance with Sections 13-501 and 13-502 of the Act, to be effective upon proper filing, before commencing service;
- (5) with regard to Applicant's provision of local exchange service, Applicant should be granted a variance from the requirements of 83 Ill. Adm. Code 735, Section 735.180, regarding publication of local directories, as it will contract with the incumbent local exchange carrier to include Applicant's customer listings within those directories;
- (6) with regard to Applicant's provision of local and interexchange service, Applicant should be granted a waiver from 83 Ill. Adm. Code 710, the

Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers, as long as Applicant maintains its accounting records in accordance with Generally accepted Accounting Principles and at a level of detail substantially similar to the accounting system which it currently uses pursuant to its Chart of Accounts, and in sufficient detail to comply with all applicable tax laws;

- (7) with regard to Applicant's provision of interexchange service, Applicant should further be granted a waiver of Part 735 governing credit, billing deposits, and termination of service;
- (8) Applicant should establish books of account such that revenues from its telecommunications services, subject to the public utility revenue tax, are segregated from the revenues derived from other business activities not regulated by the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that RB Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Rangatel be, and is hereby, granted a Certificate of Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-404 of the Act for the resale of local and interexchange telecommunications services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Certificate of Service Authority hereinabove granted shall be the following:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that RB Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Rangastel is authorized, pursuant to Section 13-404 of the Public Utilities Act, to provide resold local and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Illinois.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant file with this Commission a tariff consisting of its rates, rules and regulations, to be effective upon proper filing before commencing service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 83 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 710, 735.180 and 735 be, and are hereby, waived as set forth in Findings (5) and (6) hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as a condition of this Certificate Applicant be, and is hereby, directed to establish books of account such that revenues from its telecommunications services, subject to the public utility revenue tax, are segregated from the revenues derived from other business activities not regulated by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that subject to the provisions of Section 10-113 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.880, this Order is final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By Order of the Commission this 4th day of April, 2007.

(SIGNED) CHARLES E. BOX

Chairman